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HALL EXERCISES HIS VETO POWER

OIL ORDINANCE PASSED RECENTLY IS GIVEN THE AX.

Because There Are Plainly Visible Defects in the Ordinance Passed by the Council at Its Last Meeting, Which Regulates Storing of Oil and Combustibles—Mayor Hall Has Vetoed It—Room for Legal Tangle as It Stands.

This ordinance is vetoed because it is not properly drawn, the provisions in section 3 being largely a repetition of those in section 2, and also because the provisions in section 3 are indefinite and admit the possibility of a legal squabble in the enforcement.

M. K. HALL, Mayor. With the above as grounds for action, Mayor M. K. Hall has exercised his first veto power as mayor of the city of La Grande. As stated, there is a repetition in two sections of the ordinance which was passed by the last session of the city council, and which regulates the storage of gunpowder, plant powder, dynamite, nitroglycerin, oil and other combustible materials. The ordinance was introduced some time ago, and came up for final passage at the last meeting.

Unless the council passes the ordinance over the veto, it will, of course, be a dead one, and another more legally perfect ordinance introduced.

Following are parts of the ordinance to which the veto was given:

Section 1. No person shall bring into or cause to be brought into, or receive, or have, or keep, or store, or suffer to remain in any portion of the city, within 1000 feet of any dwell-

ing house or place of business, any blasting powder, or nitroglycerin, or dynamite, or other explosive material, or compound, having an explosive power greater than that of ordinary gunpowder. And no person shall store or keep for sale within the city at any one time, more than 50 pounds of gunpowder, which must at all times be kept in metal cans.

Sec. 2. That no person or persons, firm or corporation shall store or permit to be stored, or keep for sale within the city limits, a large quantity than 100 gallons, which must at all times be kept in metal cans, in any one building or upon any premises or street, any gasoline or any product of petroleum, unless the same be kept in iron tanks and stored in a brick or stone building or warehouse, not more than one story in height, and in every respect fireproof, and which building or warehouse shall be used for and devoted only to the storage of gasoline and other products of petroleum, and shall have painted outside on the front thereof, in plain letters at least six inches in length, the words, "for the storage of gasoline."

Sec. 3. That no person or persons, company or corporation shall store, permit to be stored, or keep for sale within the city in a larger quantity than 100 gallons which must at all times be kept in metal cans, any refined product of petroleum. And in quantities greater than 150 gallons, the same shall be stored in a brick or stone building or warehouse, to be not more than one story in height and in every respect fireproof, or the same shall be stored in iron tanks. Said buildings or warehouse or iron tank shall be used for and devoted exclusively to the storage of such substances, and in no case be situated or located within the city, except on the permission of the authorities hereinafter named.

In Memory of Pope. Rome, April 8.—Memorial services were held in St. Peter's today in remembrance of Pope Clement XI, who died April 8, 1721, at the age of 72 years, after a reign of 20 years.

JAPAN WORRIED OVER UNCLE SAM

MIKADO FORCING THE CHINESE SITUATION.

Evans' Fleet in Pacific Waters Believed by Certain Element in Japan to Mean That the United States Will Hold Out for China in Manchurian Affair—Japan Alarmed Over Negotiations Now Progressing—Push China Into a Clash.

Tokio, April 8.—Japan is worried over the negotiations now progressing between the United States and Russia over the status of the latter in Manchuria. Sensationalists connect the arrival of the Evans fleet with the opening of these negotiations. A Washington dispatch says that the United States will oppose both Japan and Russia in Manchuria and insist upon unrestricted domination of the Chinese governmental affairs in Manchuria. Advice from Harbin quote consul Fisher as stating that United States demands the abandonment of Japan's present status in Manchuria. The foreign office refuses to accept the alarmists' view of the situation and states its belief that the American government is not opposed to Japan's position in Manchuria.

Montana Grand Army.

Butte, Mont., April 8.—Final arrangements have been completed by the local committee for the entertainment of the veterans of Montana, who will meet here tomorrow, in the 24th annual state encampment of the G. A. R. Owing to immigration from other states, the Montana department has increased in membership 10 per cent in the last year, and this week's gatherings will be a large and enthusiastic one.

EVANS WILL STAY IN THE HOSPITAL

CONSENTS TO FORGET SAN DIEGO VISIT.

Read Admiral Evans is Persuaded to Remain in the Hospital During the Week of Festivities at San Diego and Los Angeles—Sea Fighter Expresses Desire to Be Present, But Takes His Orders Like a True Soldier.

Paso Robles, April 8.—Although Admiral Evans spent another favorable night it is now practically assured that his doctors have prevailed upon him to give up the idea of visiting San Diego and Los Angeles during fleet week.

Dr. McDonald told him today it would be very imprudent for him to go to San Diego.

"I want to go very much, doctor," said Evans, "but your orders stand." "That settles it," said McDonald. "The rear admiral will remain here until the fleet arrives at Monterey."

Lieutenant Frank Evans left here this morning for Los Angeles, where he will meet his mother and sister, and bring them to Paso Robles tomorrow.

WILL CLEAN UP ALL ITS DEBTS

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS CLOSED BY THE BOARD.

Unnecessary Expense Incurred by Keeping Doors Open Longer—Will Remove Furniture and Store It, and Make Room for Elks When They Commence to Remodel Upstairs—Shares Worth Approximately \$17 Each—Will Pay Indebtedness.

Because men and boys alike have deserted the Commercial club since it became known that the institution is soon to be remodeled by the Elks, and because the cost of maintaining it as an open establishment is burdensome, the board of managers at their regular meeting last evening decided to close the doors and to have everything in readiness to vacate when the Elks commence changes.

There are about \$200 still outstanding as delinquent membership fees, and Assistant Secretary Ormond will collect this amount, that current indebtedness can be cleared away at a special meeting of the board on Saturday night of this week. The amount of money delinquent and the current debts are about on an equal. These fees should be paid willingly. The members had opportunity to get something for their money and if they did not, it was their own fault. Hence the collector should have no difficulty in securing this amount before next Saturday night.

The Elks will make another payment on their purchase in a few days and as soon as they do they plan to institute a radical and sweeping change in the upstairs of the building. The lower floor will not be touched yet for a while. Knowing this, the board has taken steps to vacate as soon as possible. All the property of the Commercial club itself, such as furniture, library, exhibits and furnishings, will be taken in charge by Secretary Ormond and stored until further disposal is made of it.

The two women's clubs of the city have considerable furniture in the building and these organizations will also be in readiness to vacate when it becomes desirable to do so.

There will be another meeting of the board on Saturday night and at that time it is hoped that the last cent of indebtedness against the club, which totals about \$2500, or a little more, will be wiped out. The club itself holds 152 shares in the La Grande Building association and it is

estimated that each share is worth approximately \$16. By collecting much of the delinquent membership fees, and promise of about \$2500 due from shares, the club will be able to pay the notes and back rent outstanding against it and clear all current debt, and still have a morsel left to continue with, or to be turned over to the new organization if such a one comes into existence.

DESIRABLE BANKING LAW.

All Bankers Subscribed to Depositors' Protection Fund.

Guthrie, Okla., April 8.—When the solons of the Oklahoma legislature passed a law requiring all state banks to subscribe to a fund for the protection of depositors against loss through bank failures, the wise men of the east indulged in some very flippant and cynical criticisms of the scheme, and declared that it would be a failure. While the period of less than two months that has elapsed since the law became effective may not have been sufficient to provide a fair test, there is every probability that the Oklahoma law has come to stay and that other states will be forced to pass similar laws in order to protect their own banks.

Whatever may be said against the law, it has served to restore public confidence in the banks and to bring out much money from hiding. The national banks have generally stood aloof from the law, and have suffered somewhat from the competition of the state-guaranteed banks. While there has been no remarkable rush of money from other states, hundreds of people have taken advantage of protection afforded by Oklahoma banks to send their savings here. At first, these importations of money were mainly small sums, but now many large corporations in other states are looking up the advantages offered by the banks of the new state, and are making propositions to deposit large sums. Most of the bankers are fighting why of too large deposits, fearing that the returns would not be adequate after paying the 1 per cent protection assessment to the state.

The banks across the state boundaries, in Kansas, Texas and Arkansas are beginning to feel the effects of the Oklahoma competition through a shrinkage of deposits. The drain has not set in heavily as yet, but with increasing public confidence in the practicability and desirability of the new act, there is no doubt that these states will, in the course of a few years, be forced to adopt a similar measure. As these commonwealths will, in turn, act upon others, Oklahoma may have started a movement that will not be completed until it has reached from ocean to ocean and from the Canada border to the Gulf.

Republicans Win in Tacoma.

Tacoma, April 8.—Thousands of scratched tickets in the municipal election yesterday made Linck, the republican candidate, mayor by a large majority and backed him with a solid delegation of republican officials. It is the most sweeping victory in many years here. The new officials will be inaugurated next Wednesday.

ITINERARY OF ATLANTIC FLEET

WILL LEAVE FRISCO EIGHTEENTH OF MAY.

Navigation Bureau at Washington Today Announces the Sailings and Side Trips of the Atlantic Fleet After the Frisco Review—Vessels Will Visit Bellingham, Port Angeles and Port Townsend.

Washington, April 8.—The bureau of navigation today issued a program for the movement of the Atlantic fleet after the grand review in San Francisco.

On May 18 the fleet will leave for Puget sound, arriving May 21. Four ships will then visit Bellingham, three to Port Townsend. The vessels will then be docked. Afterwards they are to be anchored at Seattle. On May 26 12 of the ships will sail for Tacoma and then without anchoring, eight vessels will leave for San Francisco, leaving four at Tacoma. By July 3 all vessels are expected back at San Francisco.

Starving Men Want Work.

Chicago, April 8.—A mob of 200 men, shouting that they were starving, marched on the city hall this morning and were driven from the place by police before they desisted in their efforts to see the mayor and obtain city employment. Chief Shippy has been told that mobs of 2000 will organize this afternoon to march on the city hall.

Japan Forcing Matters.

Pekin, April 8.—That Japan is trying to force China into an armed clash rather than arrive at a peaceful settlement of the many questions now pending between the two nations is the impression at Pekin. Premier Hayashi's unyielding attitude over the status of the Manchurian question has the appearance of having been assumed for driving China past endurance.

China, on her part, is inclined to put up stiffer defense than usual and an agreement looks far away at present.

The Chinese believe the presence of the American fleet in Chinese waters will help her position.

Honor Famous Chemist.

New York, April 8.—All of the leading chemists of New York have joined in a plan to give a complimentary dinner tomorrow night at the Hotel Astor in honor of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, government chemist and originator of the "poison squad." The affair will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Dr. Wiley's connection as chemist of the department of the United States.



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